

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1057 - HB 1149

February 27, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a free-standing emergency department associated with a sponsoring hospital to be located no more than 50 miles from the sponsoring hospital in order to apply for a certificate of need.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Currently, licensure for a free-standing emergency department is not dependent on distance from the sponsoring hospital. The proposed legislation will add a distance requirement of 50 miles or less.
- Federal certification of such facilities restricts the distance from the main hospital to 35 miles.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health and the Health Services and Development Agency, the provisions of the bill will have little effect, if any, on the annual number of certificate of need applications or the number of licensed facilities.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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